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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): MATSUMOTO, et al

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For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE, NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL
MICROSCOPE AND OPTICAL RECORDING/ REPRODUCING
DEVICE WITH NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE

Group: 2877

Examiner: R. Punnoose

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action October 6, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment of the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.